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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

January 17, 2003

Dear Stakeholder:

On January 10, 2003 the Governor released his proposed budget for the 2003/2004 fiscal year. Included in the proposed budget are state funds for the completion of the program Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement as well as some institutional changes for the Authority. The following is an excerpt from the Governor's Budget Summary:

"The Administration proposes to consolidate the Authority with Caltrans. This consolidation will bring the transportation expertise of Caltrans to the high-speed rail project. Under this new proposal, the nine-member Authority board would continue its responsibilities, while Caltrans staff will perform the ongoing support and administrative responsibilities for the board. The 2003-04 Governor's Budget proposes \$1.8 million from the Public Transportation Account in the Caltrans budget to finish the EIR."

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's January 28, 2003 public Board Meeting will be held at the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors Chambers at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 250, San Francisco. **Please note that the meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.**

This meeting will include presentations from representatives of the French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish high-speed train systems as well as presentations on the new high-speed train systems under construction in Korea and Taiwan.

Comments can be sent to our mailing address, via our website (<u>www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov</u>) or by attending our Authority meetings. The Authority looks forward to your input.

Sincerely,

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